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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM CAIRO APRIL 22:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 5517

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 5389

1. I JUST WANT TO BE SURE IT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU THAT ED PECK MEET YOU IN LUXOR ON ARRIVAL AND THAT I REMAIN IN CAIRO UNTIL YOU GET HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ON HAND IN LUXOR TO MEET YOU, AND ALSO VISIT THE RUINS WITH YOU, BUT I FEEL I SHOULD BE HERE TO MAKE WHAT ARE CERTAIN TO BE LAST MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE EGYPTIANS ON YOUR PROGRAM IN CAIRO. WITH ABU ISMAIL AND SHAFEI NOT GETTING BACK TO CAIRO UNTIL EVENING OF APRIL 29, AND MOST OF THE MINISTERS TREKKING TO SUEZ FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 1 SPEECH, I AM LIKELY TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO STANDS CHANCE OF GETTING THROUGH TO THEM TO NAIL THINGS DOWN. THEIR OFFICES ARE USELESS IN CASES SUCH AS THIS.

2. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK IT IS OPERATIONALLY
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PREFERABLE THAT I FOREGO THE TRIP TO LUXOR AND REMAIN HERE.

HOWEVER, I DEFER TO YOUR WISHES.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. EILTS UNQUOTE EAGLEBURGER

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